

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

Date: August 11, 2011

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Stephen DiCapua, Bert Mozealous, Carole Franceschet, Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Bryan Bogen, and Patricia K. Brozek, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Alicia Clapp and James Hogan were not in attendance.

7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2011

Motion: to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2011

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:

- a. 2011-2012 Budget
- b. State and Federal Funds
- c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua stated that there was an abbreviated meeting tonight and they reviewed the year-end changes and put a final stamp on last year's budget. He presented the new budget format which Diane Raymo, Interim Business manager has prepared.

Motion: to amend the agenda to add an additional action item

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Motion: to approve the new budget format.

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

1. Field Update

Mr. DiCapua reminded the Board of issues with the utility field (used for lacrosse and soccer). There was debris on the field that needed to be cleaned up. Ms. Brozek stated that there was an assessment done by the Town and it had to be put out to bid. Ms. Brozek reported that it was expected to be cleaned up to be used for this coming school year. Mr. DiCapua stated that this will be looked into and reported on again at the September Board of Education Meeting.

b. Personnel

1. Authorization for Superintendent to hire in August

Moved: to approve the authorization for the Superintendent to hire in August

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of Fall Coaching Positions (see attached)

Moved: to approve Fall Coaching Positions **with the exception of Girls Basketball which will be TABLED**

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of Winter Coaching Position (Boys' Ice Hockey) (attached)

Moved: to **TABLE** the approval of Winter Coaching Position (Boys' Ice Hockey) TABLED

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Update of search for Business Manager

Dr. Cronin reported that the search for the Business Manager is in progress. He stated it is being advertised on several websites (e.g. State Business Official website, Connecticut REAP, and the Superintendents' Association has a link on the State's website) Dr. Cronin reported that we have started getting resume's in for our review. Dr. Cronin's plan is to have someone in place in early December so that there will be a transition period with Diane Raymo, the Interim Business Manager the month of December.

Motion: to amend the agenda to add discussion of Student Transportation Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Dr. Cronin reported regarding the topic of Student Transportation, in particular transporting students to daycare centers and afterschool child care. In the past students were transported to their daycare from school no matter where the daycare, whether in or out of their own district. Dr. Cronin stated that he believes parents/and daycare centers were notified that this practice would be stopped at the end of the school year. Dr. Cronin stated that it is his understanding that it stopped for all daycare providers except one (Sunny Side). At this time, Dr. Cronin is asking the Board to consider transporting students to their daycare **only** if it is on the bus' natural route (within the child's district). The Board was in agreement that this was a fair compromise for everyone involved.

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of the 2011-2012 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Dr. Cronin requested the time of the Board of Education Meetings be changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning September 8, 2011 and the Board agreed beginning at the September 8, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

Moved: to approve the 2011-2012 Board of Education Meeting Dates Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Discussion of Agenda changes

Mr. DiCapua stated that the Board of Education would like to include “Old Business” and “New Business” in the agenda under the sub-committees so that there is some closure on questions or concerns from the prior month. That will begin at the September 8, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

5. ACES – no report on ACES

6. North Haven PTA Council – no report on North Haven PTA Council – next meeting is September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

7. Superintendent’s Report

- Dr. Cronin shared a handout of opening activities for the 2011-2012 school year
- Dr. Cronin invited the Board Members to the Convocation on August 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
- Briefly reviewed his handout regarding the staff evaluation process

Mr. DiCapua announced that Sandra Cummings has resigned from the Board of Education and stated that she will be missed. He stated that Mrs. Cummings spend over 10 years on the Board of Education, and devoted an untold amount of hours to the North Haven Public Schools, serving on numerous committees and volunteering much of her time to the district.

8. Public Comments

- Al Warren - Charles Court - Mr. Warren wanted to know if there was an outside softball tournament using our fields and wanted to know if they paid to use said fields. Ms. Brozek answered that they believe they were used but would check and let him know.

Mr. Warren also wanted to comment with regards to the Alert Now system used throughout the district. He wanted to know if there was a way to track all of the recordings that go out to homes. Ms. Brozek answered yes there is a way to do that. He was concerned that he gets a message from Alert Now every Sunday from the schools, but there was one in particular that he wanted to go back and listen to and revisit with the Board.

Mr. Warren commented that he read an article in the newspaper regarding North Branford and how the teachers that work in North Branford, but do not live there, are able to send their own children to North Branford schools. Mr. Warren wanted to know if that was allowed in North Haven. Ms. Brozek answered, absolutely not.

- Marie Esposito – Homewood Avenue, Ms. Esposito commented on the amount of Professional Development Days there are throughout the school year. Dr. Cronin answered that there is not a requirement, however the statute states that each district is required to provide a minimum of 18 hours of professional development per year.

Ms. Esposito also wanted to know what the status was with regards to the Special Board Meeting held in June and what the status was about any job cuts. Dr. Cronin stated that nothing is changing this current school year. Mr. DiCapua explained to Ms. Esposito that the Board has had a workshop and will be having more workshops to discuss the districts goals for the district, discussing what needed to be looked at, improved upon, etc. Mrs. Anderson reported to Ms. Esposito that the workshops are open to the public and everyone is welcome to come listen, however, they cannot comment.

9. Executive Session: (if needed)
10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Approved

MOVED:	Carole Franceschet
SECOND:	Bert Mozealous
AYE:	6
NAY:	0
ABSTAIN:	0

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen DiCapua

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Vice Chairman